



**PATENT APPLICATION**

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Application of

Docket No: Q78139

Harunori TASHIRO, et al.

Appln. No.: 10/691,979

Group Art Unit: 2839

Confirmation No.: 6968

Examiner: Thanh-Tam T. Le

Filed: October 24, 2003

For: TERMINAL AND CONNECTOR

**RESPONSE TO ELECTION OF SPECIES REQUIREMENT**

**MAIL STOP AMENDMENT**

Commissioner for Patents

P.O. Box 1450

Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action mailed September 1, 2006, in which the Examiner set a shortened statutory period for response by one month and extended by file the attached Petition for Extension of Time, making a reply due on or before November 1, 2006.

In the Action, the Examiner has required election under 35 U.S.C. § 121 to one of the following:

<i>Species I</i>	-	<i>Figures 1-12; and</i>
<i>Species II</i>	-	<i>Figures 13-25.</i>

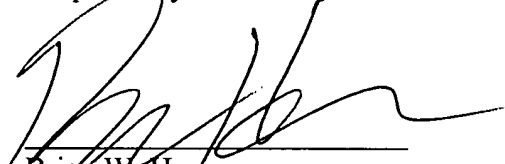
Applicant hereby elects Species I, drawn to Figures 1-12, without traverse. Claims 1-7 are readable on the elected species. Applicant reserves the right to file divisional applications on the non-elected claims.

Response to Election of Species Requirement  
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In view of the foregoing, Applicant believes that a complete examination on the merits is now in order. Early and favorable action is respectfully requested. If any points remain in issue which the Examiner feels may be best resolved through a personal or telephone interview, the Examiner is kindly requested to contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below.

The USPTO is directed and authorized to charge all required fees, except for the Issue Fee and the Publication Fee, to Deposit Account No. 19-4880. Please also credit any overpayments to said Deposit Account.

Respectfully submitted,

  
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